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Sunday, May 4, 2008 is the sixth annual nationwide Hike for Hospice day, sponsored by the Canadian Palliative Care Association. Over 100 Hospices across Canada will be hosting hike events on this date to raise awareness of and funds for palliative care in their communities. Haliburton County will be joining this initiative for the fourth year to raise funds for SIRCH Community Hospice.

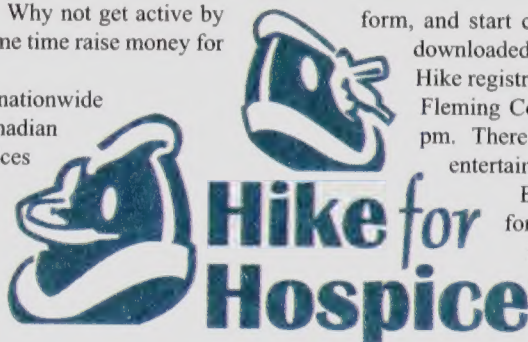
For over 10 years, SIRCH Community Services & Consulting has provided hospice services in Haliburton County to individuals and their families who are living with a life-threatening illness. Government funding has not kept pace with demand for this service; there is and will continue to be a need for financial support from our community.

You can participate and support hospice by collecting pledges, and then hiking the Head Lake Trail (about 6 km) or the Sculpture Forest Trail (about 1 km). It's a great opportunity to build workplace spirit by getting active together! Team up and have some fun. Gather a group of friends, colleagues, neighbours, family members and sign up as a team of up to 10! Be creative. There will be a trophy for the team that collects the most dollars in pledges, and a special draw for all participation teams, so get into the team spirit! 100% of funds raised will stay in this community to support hospice.

To participate as a team or individual, just pick up a copy of the pledge

form, and start collecting pledges to hike! Forms can also be downloaded at www.sirch.on.ca and click on "What's New". Hike registration starts at 12:30 pm on May 4th at Sir Sandford Fleming College in the Great Hall. The hike starts at 1:30 pm. There will be other fun activities too, including draws, entertainment and refreshments.

Everybody wins when you Hike for Hospice...hike for your health and for your community! For more information, please contact Marilyn Rydberg, Hike Coordinator at 754-9667. Come hike with us!



Spring Fling Fashion Show Good fashion for a great cause

On Sunday, June 1st at 1pm, the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a stellar fashion show at the Haliburton Legion. Featuring fashions by Country Pickins, the show will include many great new looks for the summer. The event includes door prizes, draws, and refreshments. Tickets are \$20 per person. All proceeds used for needed equipment at the Haliburton Hospital site. To order tickets, call 457-3030.

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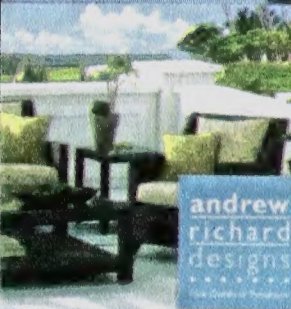
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"Now as I listen to the wolves howling, I feel that it is the spirit of the wilderness that is calling to me."

- R.D. Lawrence

You can now mail a piece of local history to anywhere in the world with a new limited edition R.D. Lawrence Place commemorative stamp.

The stamps feature a picture of Ron Lawrence and Tundra, one of the wolves that he rescued and raised at Wolf Hollow. This is the property he shared in the Gooderham area with his wife Sharon and many, many wild and furry friends.

Produced through a Canada Post program, these are legal tender but are only available for sale at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. This is the first Canadian stamp to feature a Haliburtonian.

The stamps are being sold in sheets of 40 or on a commemorative sheet which features 20 stamps, a blow-up insert of the photograph by Jim Wuepper, and original artwork of a wolf and a line drawing of R.D. Lawrence Place by local artist Donna Bisschop. The commemorative limited edition sheets of stamps are sequentially numbered. Either style of sheet retails for \$40. Special packages containing a sheet of 40 stamps, plus one of the first 11 of the numbered commemorative sheets, and a ticket to an exclusive wine and cheese evening with Sharon Lawrence at R.D. Lawrence Place will be sold for \$100. Proceeds will go towards developing exhibits and programming.

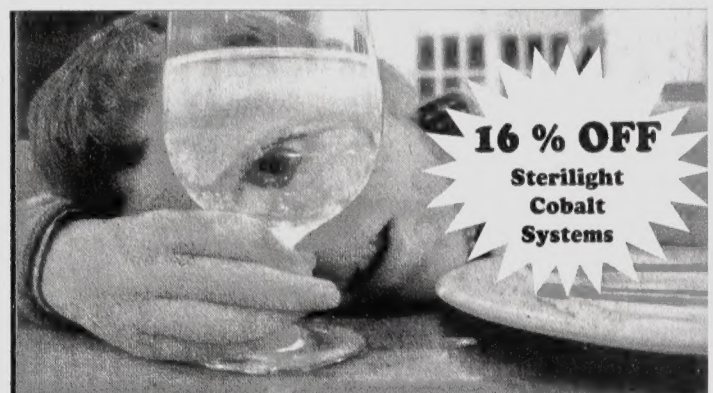
These stamps are not only practical but a unique collectors item, ideal for any stamp lover. The first sheet of the commemorative stamps will be auctioned on-line in the beginning of June. The stamps will be part of a beautiful collector's package including a 10 by 11 of the photograph used, Ron Lawrence's classic novel Cry Wild, a DVD of documentaries about Ron and his experience raising Tundra and his sister Taiga, as well as a ticket to the exclusive evening with Sharon Lawrence. Those people interested in being contacted about the opening of the auction can call Sheryl Loucks at 705-457-7690 or at rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca.

There are only 100 commemorative sheets and the calls have already started to come in for these souvenirs. Ron Lawrence was instrumental in bringing the wolf pack to Haliburton Forest from Michigan and establishing the Wolf Centre there. Ron Lawrence's books, such as *In Praise of Wolves*, is credited internationally for demolishing myths about wolves. Lawrence wrote 30 books, published in 32 countries in 16 different languages, and many featured wolves. "Given that thousands of people from around the world visited Wolf Hollow here in Haliburton County to learn more about these animals, it is only fitting that our first stamp at the Cul-



tural Centre feature Ron and one of his beloved wolves," says Sheryl Loucks, R.D.L.P. coordinator.

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by George Farrell

On Business

An Interview With Owner Al Aubrey

Prior to my meeting with Al Aubrey, questions posed to some people who know him, revealed that Al had started off his working life as a typewriter cleaner at IBM at the age of 18, and that he had worked his way up during his 31 year tenure, to a department VP and General Manager. So I was expecting a no-nonsense, nose to the grindstone type of person in whom hard work was imbedded like a tic in the hide of a forest forager. I guess I got what I expected and a lot more, because in addition to the obvious hard work that has gone into the revitalization and refurbishing of the former Frost Centre, in Al Aubrey I also saw a man who was passionate, not only about the buildings and their history, but also about the lessons to be learned from the surrounding environment. Al and his wife Wendy are the main funding sources, for the project.

It would have been easy enough as a private investor to get the place up and running in order to realize returns that would justify the outlay. The environment might just have been an added bonus in the hands of some other owners. Instead Al made it clear from the outset that an environmental research component was essential to the makeup of the new Frost.

Before the interview began Al took me around the main group of buildings and showed me renovations to various out-buildings that had been turned into art studios, as well as upgrades to individual dorm rooms, and the dining/lounge area which used to be a cafeteria, and which is now in the process of getting its liquor licence. He explained that there were plans underway to re-attain some of the excellent art which used to line the hallway of the columned main building. Al also told me of some of the updating and refitting to some of the cottages, and to the dock areas, especially those which were dedicated to swimming.

The First Six Months

"June the twenty first was the date of our opening ceremonies," Al begins. "Jerry Phillips the Minister for Government Services was one of four speak-

ers, along with myself, MP Laurie Scott, and Dr Andy Gordon, who is the lead doctor in our research partnership with the University of Guelph."

Al then proceeded to name the four most salient points during the first 6 months of his ownership.

1) "Getting the site ready physically was a monumental task. We had to bring in councillors early-we had no running water at that point-and we started on March the first of this year."

2) "Signing the research partnership with the University of Guelph's Department of Environmental Biology, which means that its going to make us a serious player in privately funded environmental research. It also gives our campers and students an opportunity to work side by side with our professors."

3) "We received our accreditation as a validated private school, authorized by the Ministry of Education to issue credits towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma."

4) "We sponsored 54 kids from *Big Brothers Big Sisters* through the Lindsay branch to attend our camp. These kids wouldn't have had the opportunity of coming here under normal circumstances. They were here,

on average, for 2 weeks. Some kids didn't want to go back, and stayed longer. We were given a plaque by Big Brothers Big Sisters in recognition of the experience."

I spoke to Executive Director Jim De Florio of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Inc, about the experience. "I was just overwhelmed by the offer," Jim said. "It just doesn't happen very often. The 54 kids that attended represented about \$100,000 that Al gave away for free. We get very little funding from government, and it was a golden opportunity. The children who got to go had an amazing time-every kid gets connected to a different councillor. It's our hope that in the future there might be a spot there for us from some corporate sponsorship."

"We're particularly proud of those 4 things in the first 6 months," Al says reflectively. He has all the facts and figures in his head as he reveals; "we had to buy all new equipment-\$129,000 went into building repair, \$102,000 went into equipment like computers, teaching cameras, GPS guidance units, kayaks and canoes.

Local Inclusion

The Frost Centre was always depen-

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The Frost Centre Institute Cont'd...

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dent on visitors and students from outside the Highlands to keep afloat, but I was interested to find out just what the new Frost Centre Institute would mean for those visitors and students within Haliburton County, and whether the Institute was to be an exclusive enclave, or whether it had an inclusive policy. Al Aubrey was quick to elucidate the questions I had on that topic. "In late September we had 'lunch and learn' seminars for Highland residents. They were mostly seniors, as the seminars took place in the daytime. They showed up at 10 a.m. They learned techniques from digital photo artists. They bought their own cameras or were supplied with cameras. They then went on some of the trails and took photos with a Fall theme. They then came back in for a buffet lunch. After that they learned how to download their digital images to a computer, where they were also shown how to manipulate their images. A watercolourist came in to show them techniques in watercolour, and they used their photos as inspiration for their own water color paintings. We had only meant to have 24 in the seminar, but 35 showed up. It went very well. There will be a series of these artistic and environmental themes."

Another thing that Al is doing for our local communities is making the meeting rooms available to organizations who wish to hold their meeting there. As space for meetings is such a valuable commodity in all our communities, this promises to be a great service, and in fact just a few days prior to my visit with Al, I attended a very successful Co-op AGM at the Frost.

"We also have a corporate policy where we try to buy our materials locally," Al informs me. "our new swimming docks came from The Old Mill Marina on Kawagama Lake. And its part of our corporate bylaws to have that (county representation) built in. Our councillors and teachers all come from Haliburton or Muskoka. We had a total of 180 applicants. We're looking to employ 70 people which will be a combination of permanent and seasonal employees. If our seasonal staff stay the whole summer they're eligible for tuition grants to university or college that range from \$1,000-\$5,000. We're doing that again this year, and just about all of them (last years summer staff) want to come back.

Looking Ahead

"We've just signed 2 international agreements with organizations that place foreign students," Al continues, enthusiasm unabated. "Educational Advisors Ltd, based in Madrid Spain will be sending kids to our camp from Spain, Italy, "France, Germany, the Ukraine and Russia. For this deal we've added the 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) component, where they will have English classes for 1 to 3 hours every week-day. There will be a minimum of 100 kids coming, and the deal is that ten percent of these kids have to be sponsored. Part of our mandate forever is that ten percent of our spaces are for sponsored kids." Sponsored kids are those children whose parents cannot afford to send them to Canada, and whose funds have been raised through donations.

"The other deal is with the Muskoka Language International, out of Toronto. They've been in business for 12 years, and one of the founders Bev MacWilliams is a Huntsville boy, and it turns out that we know many of the same people in the area." There will also be a minimum of 100 kids from the Muskoka group who will come over in the Spring Summer and Fall seasons. These kids will come from Japan, China and Korea. "They're very attracted by the combination of environmental studies, ESL and the fact that we are close to Algonquin Park. The European kids will also have options to go on excursions to Niagara and Toronto, organized through Hammond Bus Lines out of Muskoka."

It should be noted that because of the Frost Centre Institutes location, just south of Dorset, there has always been a health draw from the Muskoka area, a tradition that Al Aubrey is keen on continuing.

"We had 120 kids come from London in October and another 80 came from Greenwood College in Toronto the week after New years," Al states.

"One of the things in the future is to hire someone to work with the 9 school boards within 3 hours drive from here to work with the boards on using the Frost to deliver environmental and outdoor experiential programs. The person hired will be dedicated to that job."

A Year-Round, Fully Accessible Facility

The Frost Centre Institute will operate year-round, with a full slate of winter environmental programming to compliment that of the spring, summer, and fall seasons. In March the Frost will be welcoming kids from Japan who are in wheelchairs.

The Frost Centre Institute Foundation

At the present time the Frost Centre Institute is a not-for-profit organization, but they're not classified as a charity and therefore cannot issue tax receipts. For now that is. Al Aubrey points ut that "lawyers are in the process of installing The Frost Centre Institute Foundation. The Foundation

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will be in the position to accept corporate and individual donations, and we'll be able to offer tax receipts. "What are we doing with that money?" he asks, and proceeds to answer his own question. "One, it's going to help disadvantaged kids come to our summer camp.

Two, it will go towards helping schools pay for the transportation to our programs which are running during the school year. And three, it will help fund some of our environmental research projects.

A Bit of an Inward Look

Facts and figure information abated, I asked Al some questions that were of a more personal nature. "To be honest," he responded. "If before I started if I'd realized that there would be this much work, I don't know whether I'd do it." He reflected momentarily and then continued. "The other thing of course is the facility. I realized that it couldn't survive on environmental themes alone. But we're really lucky in our community to have such a great arts community, so the two go hand in hand so well. Of course the outdoor sports activities that we have—we've got 2500 ft of waterfront here," doesn't hurt. The Frost, located on beautiful St Nora's lake, also abuts 29000 hectares of Crown land, and has access to numerous other lakes managed by the Haliburton Water Trails.

"Wendy and I have been retired since 2000. Our cottage on Boshkong became our home. I was enjoying retirement and doing some volunteer work and cabinet making, which is my hobby, when the Frost Centre closed." Al didn't join in the protestations that took place after the closure. Instead he "started doing research, and I contacted educators regarding my vision of combining the arts with the environmental component."

Al and Wendy have three children. Nick 32, who once attended a junior ranger program at the Frost Centre is now an Environmental Officer for a

major corporation. Richard 30, is a successful architect, and an associate partner with a large firm. Carolyn 27 "just had our grandchild, and is on maternity leave. She works for a top consulting firm."



It was a long drive back to my home in Gelert. The journey seemed somehow fitting, as I realized that although the Frost Centre Institute is a long way from many of our communities, it too has weathered the storm, and survived to offer a temporary home to educators and students alike; who will surely never forget the experience.

The Frost Centre Institute is located at 20130 Highway 35. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1049 Minden Ontario, KOM 2K0. The main phone number is (705) 766-0810. For reservations, job search information, sponsoring a child, or general information on programs etc, go to the web site www.frostcentreinstitute.com.

If you would like to use the facilities as a meeting place for your organization, you can reach Al Aubrey via the main telephone number above, or at aubrey@frostcentreinstitute.com

Minden Sneaker Day May 8

Grab your sneakers, slip 'em on and join many others in this year's annual Sneaker Day walk in Minden May 8.

The Annual Walk begins at the Village Green at 11:00am and goes until 1:30. Participants will enjoy a scenic walk through Minden's downtown, and through the town's beautiful nature trails. Sneaker Day is a great opportunity for families and individuals to get active and enjoy some healthy exercise.

This is the 14th year for this fun event that last year saw hundreds of participants. There will be free refreshments and draw prizes.

This event is very popular and growing every year. It has become a celebration for spring – for getting outside and enjoying the weather and health. It is neither a fund raiser nor a competition, but rather, Sneaker Day promotes walking to improve health. It is a happy ramble along Minden's wilderness trail.

Although not a competition, some area businesses do partake in friendly challenges between workplaces.

It's become quite an event. There is a bag piper who pipes the first set of walkers off to a start after the opening ceremonies. The event in Minden is organized by the Sneaker Day Committee and also sponsored by Health for Life. Be sure to come out and enjoy a walk with others and see why so many come back year after year.

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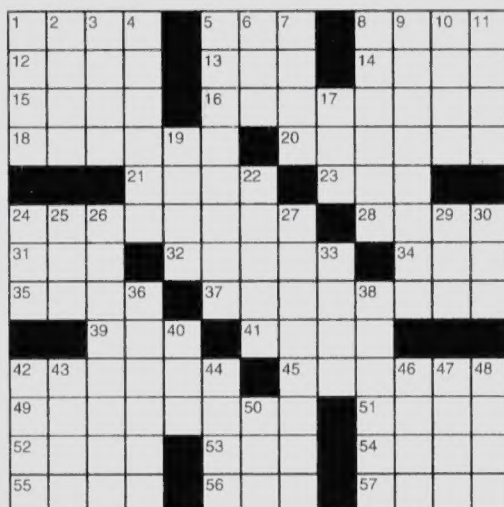
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Exciting Rail Trail Fundraiser May 4th

Activities for the whole family to enjoy

The Friends of the Rail Trail have a very exciting fundraiser planned for May 4th at the Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery. The day begins at 1pm with a short tour of the Rail Trail on the mysterious "Magic Skool Bus." Afterwards, participants can enjoy an easy 2km Habitat Discovery Walk along flat terrain, which is suitable for strollers and people of all ages. Following the walk, the Muskoka Wildlife Centre will be displaying 5 live critters, which guests are allowed to pet. There will be many other activities, including scavenger hunts and habitat quizzes. There will be prizes to win in fun categories such as look-alike siblings, the youngest/oldest participant, most generations in a family, photo contest, and more. Tickets must be reserved in advanced. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$6/\$4 children. Children under 2 are free.

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By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton Residents can now Access Local Patient Transport

People requiring non-urgent conveyance to medical facilities, both in and outside the Highlands' catchment area, too often find themselves scrambling in search of a transportation solutions.

Increasingly, rural patients are being outsourced for medical procedures not supported on a local basis. Procedures like MRIs, radiation imaging, scopes, biopsies, day surgery and other critical tests require Highlands' patients to travel to other centers like Bracebridge or Peterborough or even Toronto.

Quite simply, the machines and procedures necessary to sustain certain advanced medical measures can only be supported in larger centers. It's all part of the reformation of our health care system. It's a cost-saving measure and without such streamlining, the medical pillar that bulwarks healthcare in this or any province would collapse under its own, already slumping, weight.

However, it does present a problem to patients who are wheelchair-bound, who are elderly and require accompaniment or those that require some form of stretcher transport.

Currently, all non-urgent patient transfers in the Haliburton Highlands area are handled by an out-of-county source. The local EMS ambulance can in acute cases, move certain patients, in need of urgent outsourced procedures. (It should be noted that the local EMS would only dispatch to non-urgent duty if there were sufficient ambulances covering the county.) That presents a problem, because dispatching an ambulance to non-urgent transfer duties means one less emergency response vehicle on call at any given time.

A local Stanhope couple hopes to address that deficiency with a new in-county non-urgent transfer service.

Terri-Lynn Fairey works in the healthcare industry and about six months ago she was moved to action. A nagging question had been bothering her for some time. Specifically, "Why don't we have a local non-urgent transfer service here in the county?"

Fairey is a nurse at both Minden and Haliburton hospitals and she ran that question by her husband Rob Ritchie and her good friend Angela Russell. They agreed that it was a situation that suggested further investigation.

And so, several months ago Fairey and Ritchie began putting together a solid business plan that would include a pretty hefty cash outlay, including the purchase of a fully equipped ambulance. After laying the foundation for a local remote transfer option, they decided to go ahead and proceed in earnest. They bought an ambulance, put the finishing touches on the business plan and today, they officially open the doors of their Remote, Non-Urgent Transfer Service.

And, so, Fairey, 37, is now the co-owner and CEO of Remote Transfer, Non-Urgent Care in Haliburton and she says that she is pretty excited about her first foray into the sphere of private entrepreneurship. The journey begins today and the two other cogs in the wheel are also very excited about this new opportunity.

Ritchie, 40, is co-owner and will head up transportation and fleet maintenance. Russell, 25, is a Personal Support Worker (PSW) who has been involved in

health care for a number of years and she will be managing the office. Ritchie says that he will be doing all of the driving and adds that he and Russell will be making most of the initial runs that will require two attendants and wheelchair or stretcher transport.

"We have currently purchased a 2000 Refurbished Ambulance and we are hoping to purchase another ambulance in July 2008 and possibly purchase a van with wheelchair accessibility to add to our fleet," says Fairey.

She adds that the vehicles will be under the direction of the Remote Transfer Communications Centre, and that each crew will be directed via two-way radio to provide service to hospital patients and others who require transportation by stretcher on a non-emergency basis.

She expects that most calls are for service to or from Hospitals, nursing or retirement homes and private residences. Service is provided from bed-to-bed, including carrying patients up or down stairs. Medical Attendants are expected to monitor all clients throughout each trip. They will also provide verbal reports to receiving medical staff or family members.

Fairey says the new Remote Transfer Service will fill a niche locally and adds that they will also be able to perform some of the less intensive transport duties that in some cases were being steered to taxis or private chauffeur options. Things like taking elderly clients to medical appointments or tests. She says that their service is not only involved in ex-county transfer. They can be available for local Extendercare patients who have to travel to Minden or Haliburton Hospital for procedures, doctor's appointments or tests.

"Currently, a lot of the medical facilities in this county (Extendercare, Haliburton and Minden Hospitals for example) are looking to an outside source to transfer patients," says Fairey. Fairey says that calling vehicles from Peterborough or another center for non-urgent transfer adheres additional expense. Those remote transfer services charge by the trip and in every case the trip must also include mileage costs for traveling to and from their home base, be it Peterborough or another center. Those costs add up," says Fairey.

"As a rural community we generally have to go outside the County for medical diagnostic testing," says Fairey. "With a local non-urgent transfer service we can meet the needs of our community while keeping our local EMS in the area for emergencies. We are presently using an outside company coming from Peterborough and they are significantly more costly; and appointments are being delayed due to availability resulting in some... (procedures) being postponed."

Fairey says that she will continue to work full time at both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals, but will provide oversight support and will also pitch in on her days off. Ritchie will be taking on main driver and support duties. "I'll be doing 100 percent of the driving and lifting," says Ritchie. Russell says that she will be acting as an attendant on all calls that require two person care and transport. Russell adds that all of staff are current with First Aid and CPR certification. Russell says that her prior experience as a PSW will give her much-needed insight into the care and comfort of elderly patients, who may otherwise feel uncomfortable in an ambulance transport situation.



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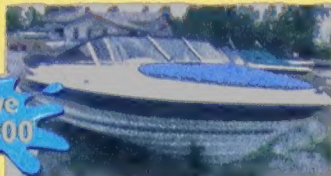


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Fairey says that they will also be able to add a local flavor to their mission, which is and always will be, to provide solid, kind and caring support. Fairey's years of service as a nurse in both Haliburton and Minden will give her a special insight not available to an outsourced Remote Transfer company.

"We provide reliable, safe and on-time service to and from hospitals, long term care centers, retirement homes, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, doctors' offices, psychiatric facilities and private residences, both in and out of Haliburton County," says Fairey.

"Remote Transfer Services are also available for special events such as weddings, funerals, family functions, religious services or home visits," says Fairey.

Fairey says that there are many occasions where elderly or disabled clients may require transport to very special celebrations. They may at times require transport to the function and their family may not have the appropriate vehicle to take the client to the event. Sometimes, the client may also require a personal care worker while attending the celebration. Fairey says that the Remote Transfer Service is available for those special transport needs as well.

"We couldn't be more excited to get Remote Transfer up and running," says Fairey.

"We have been working non-stop... (Investigating) new and exciting ways to make sure that Remote Transfer is a service that everyone will want to take," she explains.

"Remote Transfer Service provides non-emergency medical transportation for clients who require transportation by stretcher," says Fairey. "We provide service to clients who are stable and we provide continuous accompaniment by qualified Care Attendants. We transfer clients whose medical status does not meet Ontario Ministry Health criteria for the use of an EMS Ambulance."

She adds that all Remote Transfer vehicles are climate controlled and provide ample seating for medical escorts and family members. "Our fleet is fully equipped with portable and fixed oxygen delivery systems," says Fairey.

Fairey says that she has been in contact with the municipal governments on an ad hoc basis. She says that any feedback she has received from municipal government has been supportive and positive.

She adds that she will be meeting with local MPP Laurie Scott this week. Scott has expressed an interest in learning more about the new business. Fairey says that she has no agreement in place with the local hospitals, but adds that it is their intention to make the Haliburton Remote Transfer Service available as a viable transport option for Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

Russell, Fairey and Ritchie are all very excited about the challenge that lies ahead.

"We service all of Haliburton County and provide transportation to anywhere in Ontario," says Fairey. "Remote Transfer is a 24-hour a day, 7 day a week service," she adds.

The Haliburton Remote Transfer Service can be reached at 705-754-0707.



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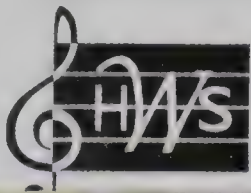
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Making Beautiful Music Highlands Winds Symphony Gets in Gear for 10th Anniversary Show

By Mark Arike

Volunteer musicians in the Highlands Winds Symphony are rehearsing weekly in preparation for their two big spring concerts with the Orillia Wind Ensemble.

Just what is it that makes this approaching concert so special? Well, it could be the fact that the Haliburton group will be celebrating their 10th year anniversary since they were first formed in 1998. With 35 of their own members, and the 45 members in Orillia's group, the 80 piece combined band will play a number of selections together to create a very big sound!

Under the co-direction of music teacher Glen Carter and Lori Reddering, the group will be performing their first show in Orillia on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's United Church. The second concert will be in Minden at Archie Stouffer Elementary School gymnasium on Sunday, May 11 at 3 p.m.

Selections that will be played include an interesting Howard Cable arrangement of 'O Canada', a stirring 'Also Sprach Zarathustra' fanfare by Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner's 'Grand March' from the opera 'Tannhauser'. Each group will also perform pieces of their own.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden. They are going for \$10 each for adults, \$5 for students and \$25 for a family group rate.

Anyone can join the Highlands Winds Symphony. Whether you are an accomplished musician or haven't picked up an instrument in years, the group is eager to hear from you. For more information call (705) 457-1671, or visit their web site at www.fyihaliburton/windsymphony.htm.



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Reflecting on Irondale

Irondale Historical Committee Considers Publishing New Book

By Mark Arike

Have you been itching to learn about the history of a place called Irondale? Well soon you just might be reading all about it in a book being put together by the Irondale Historical Committee.

"The sole purpose is to collect and record in book form the history of Irondale, a community in Snowdon Township," said Carol Simmons, Chairman of the Irondale Historical Committee. Profits from the project will go towards enhancing the community of Irondale.

Irondale is a small place that used to be the site of a large iron-mining operation many years ago. Now that things have quieted down, it's come to be known as a ghost town.

With such an interesting and intriguing past, this volunteer committee is looking to gather as many facts, details and stories about Irondale as they possibly can. They are asking for help from the public to help gather some of this historical data before there is any chance of it getting lost forever.

"This projects success depends heavily on the community involvement," said Simmons. She adds that the group will be looking to host several open houses over the summer months to encourage past and current residents, as well as cottagers, to supply information and lend photos.

The committee is encouraging people to send in photographs, genealogical information, long-lost tales, memories and any other stories that could shed a bit of light on the history of how this town was formed.

Whose uncle built that store, mill or barn? What do you know about the buildings that are now standing? Know of any jokes from the good old days? These are all just a sample of questions that the committee is looking to answer.

The committee will be opening discussions to the public for the book at an open house in the Irondale Community Centre on Sunday, May 18, from 1-4 p.m.

"We are hoping that people will come out to see what we have planned, see where they can contribute and see what things we are looking for," said Simmons. "We are notifying people now in hopes that they bring items that we can scan for later use." So far, Carol says that there has been a "heart-warming amount of information that has come forth – both in actual items to scan and in persons knowing persons needed to speak with for more information."

The Irondale Historical Committee is made up of members Fred and Carol Simmons, George Simmons, Marg Swanton and Peter Goodchild. If you have anything you'd like to contribute to the book that is Irondale related, feel free to contact the committee by email at irondalehistory@gmail.com or call Carol at 705-286-3588.

Ghost Stories

Scary Tales

Gunby Hall, England

The ghost of a murdered servant is said to haunt the pond and pathway of the grounds of Gunby Hall.

The story of his death varies, but it is believed he was killed and dumped in the pond after Sir William Massingbred, the owner of the house, found out

about his daughter's affair with the servant

The young man is said to walk the path beside the pond which has become known as Ghost Walk.

Another version of the story claims that both the daughter and the servant were killed, which would account for the images of a ghostly couple being seen along the path.

Gunby Hall is a fine red brick house, dating from 1700 and extended in the 1870s, is situated in one of England's most remote corners. The house contains collections of family portraits, furniture and china. Also a model of a Napoleonic battleship made of mutton bones, gnawed into shape by prisoners of war, and an exhibition of Field Marshall Montgomery-Massingberd's memorabilia. The exquisite walled garden is planted with traditional English vegetables, fruit, flowers and has a dovecot that pre dates the house



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"You've Gotta Have Art" Arts Honours Gala

Nominations Announced For The 2nd Annual Arts Council Event

By George Farrell

It would be hard to determine what social event in the Highlands is the biggest, or the best, but the Arts Council Gala is right up there, and is certainly one of the more prestigious, the arts being such an important part of our collective make up.

At the inaugural Gala last year held at the Haliburton Curling Rink, just about everyone who's anyone in the arts showed up, the women looking bodaciously bedecked and bedazzling, coiffed and curio'd, lip-lined and glossed, headily and provocatively perfumed. What the men might have lacked in finery they made up for in bonhomie. It was an evening to remember for the fun, and for the entertainment. More importantly perhaps it was an evening to warmly honour our leaders and innovators, and excellence in the arts. Unlike a lot of award giving, that part too was enjoyable. In short the evening was a blast. This year's event promises to be every bit as great.

This Gala event will include a reception with sweet and savoury hors d'oeuvres, a presentation of arts honours in five categories, and a dance to the live music of *The Rabid Dogs*, the old-school, rock and blues band of the Highlands. There will also be performances from the Haliburton Dance Arts Dance Troupe, the multi-talented and preposterously precocious Justin vanLieshout, Brenda Peddigrew, who'll give us some spoken word, Haliburton Idol winner Kelsey Crowe, and singer/musician extra ordinaire, Albert Saxby. An added bonus will be the screening of Christopher Kings *Stuffing* the video winner from the initial 48 Challenge. The Gala Host for the evening is the brilliantly effervescent Brigitte Gall.

Honouring artists and the arts in the Haliburton Highlands

The "You've Gotta Have Art" Arts Honours Gala was created by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands to recognize and honour individuals and groups who help to make this such a creative community. The call was put out the call to the membership for nominations in five categories and the nominations came pouring in. The rules were simple: anyone who fit the criteria could be nominated, all nominees would be honoured, the individual or group in each category with the most nominations would receive the top honours, and special recognition at the Gala.

And the Nominees are...

The following individuals and groups were nominated in 2008 for the arts honours, by members of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands. We celebrate all of their accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Youth Artist

Criteria: A young artist or group of young artists (up to 21 years) who has demonstrated a vigorous commitment to arts production and display in Haliburton County.

Jordyn Archer, Kelsey Crowe, Claire Flatman, Madeline Hopkins, Jennifer Jowett, Lindsay Jowett, *The Nutcracker*, 2007 Cast, Emily Sands, Laura Stouffer, Danny Van Nood, Justin vanLieshout, Allana Ziorjen

Emerging Artist

Criteria: An artist or group of artists in the early years of her/his professional art career (up to seven years), who for the past few years has begun to establish themselves with outstanding arts production, earning the recognition of their artistic colleagues and enriching the artistic life of the community.

The Art Hive, Kathryn Boyd, Cedric Butz, Kate Campbell, Terry Craig, Patricia Currie, April Gates, Tracey Lee Green, Tiffany Howe, Mark Johnston, Sarah Jowett, Christopher King, Sandi Luck, Erin Lynch, Cass Marie & the Black Feather Band, Noelia Marziali, Brenda Peddigrew, Sandy Slote

Supporter

Criteria: A person, business or group who has over many years demonstrated active and productive support for the growth of arts, culture and heritage in Haliburton County.

Jim Blake, Jack Brezina, Donna Enright, Murray Fearrey, Fleming College - Haliburton School of The Arts, Diane Graham, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton County Studio Tour, Highlands Media Arts, Laurie Jones, Susan Little, Erin Lynch, Betty Mills, Municipality of Dysart et al, Carol Moffat, Daniela Pagliario, Ian Pay, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, Tammy Rea, Shelley Schell, Anthony vanLieshout

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Criteria: A person or group who is one of the original contributors to the development of the Haliburton Highlands as an arts community.

The Art Hive, Jim Blake, Barb Bolin, Jack Brezina, Laurie Carmount, Michael Fay, Diane Graham, Haliburton County Folk Society, Haliburton County Studio Tour, Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Barry Hayward, Highlands Media Arts, Highlands Summer Festival, Agnes Jamieson, Mike Jaycock, Beth Johns, Sharon Lawrence, Claire Loft, Erin Lynch, Caryl Miller, Tammy Rea, Rickie Woods

Artist of Distinction

Criteria: An artist or group of artists who has worked for many years to create art or artistic experiences in the Haliburton Highlands and has contributed significantly to the vitality of the arts by mentoring/teaching, supporting other artists and representing the Haliburton Highlands with distinction.

Brian Atyeo, Julie Barban, Mary Anne Barkhouse, Wendy Bateman, Gary Blundell, Kathryn Boyd, Judy Breau, Glen Carter, Earth & Fire Pottery, George Farrell, Michael Fay, Michael Fay & Fay Martin, Highlands Little Theatre, Highlands Summer Festival, Highlands Wind Symphony John Lennard, Shirley McCormick, Lauren McInnes, Linda Middleton, Charles O'Neil, Outloud Womyn's Voices, Martha Perkins, Tammy Rea, Albert Saxby, Senitt Puppets, Robert Van Nood
Fay Wilkinson, Rickie Woods.

The list of nominations is long, and there can only be one winner in each category. The winners are decided by the amount of nominations they received. Just to be nominated is an honour, so congratulations to all the nominees.

The venue for the second edition of the Arts Council Honours Gala is the Haliburton Legion, located at 719 Mountain Street, and it should offer just enough space to hold the expected throng. The 'do' takes place this Saturday, May 3rd. The 2007 Gala was sold out in advance, but limited tickets are still available. For tickets or information call the Arts Council at 457-3555.

For something really funny
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Haliburton Home & Cottage Show Quickly Approaching

Make plans to attend the 30th Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, May 30th to June 1st. This show attracts over 120 exhibits to the Haliburton area and curling club. The show is relaxed and fun. People enjoy the great deals and the opportunity to talk to contractors, tradespeople, and craftsmen about upcoming projects or renovations. Kids will enjoy the Camp Wanakita play area.

There are many show specials on large ticket items such as appliances, furniture, and major decorating or renovation items. It's a great place to find that special item you've been searching for and to fulfill your gardening and landscaping dreams.

While at the show, plan to visit the "Taste of Haliburton" for great food buys, and the curling club's famous Food and Entertainment Tent to cap off your visit.

Parking is free. Admission is \$3 per person, and kids are free. Your admission ticket entitles you to free draws and re-admission throughout the entire weekend. The show will be open on Friday from 4pm to 9pm, Saturday from 10 am to 7pm, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. This wonderful event is sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club. For more information call 457-2892. See you at the show!

What's The Haliburton Forest Up To?.. Come & Find Out...

Come on down to the Haliburton Forest from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday, May 9 for this free event to learn all about the current research projects that the Haliburton Forest (H.F.) is involved with. H.F. staff, as well as members of the U of T Faculty of Forestry will conduct the presentations.

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Please call the H.F. to let them know if you will be attending at (705) 754-2198, so they can plan ahead for their meal preparation.

Anyone curious about what the H.F. is presently doing is encouraged to attend this event. For more information, log-on to their web site at www.haliburtonforest.com.

A Little Bit of Everything

We would like to say "Thank You" to Debbie's mom Norene and Ira's mom Ruby for their love, guidance, and support. We are proud to call you our moms. To all the moms in our hearts, and to all the other moms out there: "Thanks for a great job of raising us all."

Are you looking for a gift for your mom? We might have just what you are searching for. We have mylar balloons, Mother's Day greeting cards, garden supplies, outdoor decorations, garden shoes, garden gloves, hand painted flower pots, wind chimes, tree face decorations, garden trellis, and lots more. **Just arrived** are Canada Day items and fireworks kits.

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Get With The Program

Learn Eating and Activity Forever Program Returns to Haliburton County in May -

A leaf is not just for raking. It can also give you the scoop on healthy living.

Starting in mid-May, residents in Haliburton County can take part in the free Learn Eating and Activity Forever (LEAF) program. Led by a Registered Dietitian from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, LEAF can help participants eat better and get more active.

"LEAF is offered in a fun and friendly atmosphere where people can get practical tips for healthy living," says Rosie Kadwell, a Registered Dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit.

The Health Unit is offering the program as follows:

WHAT: Learn Eating and Activity Forever Program

WHEN: Begins Tuesday, May 13, from 10 am to noon (Continues on May 20, 27, and June 3 at same time)

WHERE: Minden Hospital Family Health Team Classroom

HOW TO JOIN: To register or to find out more information, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391, ext. 245. Space is limited.

"Like the program name implies, we want people to turn over a new leaf and feel better about themselves," Kadwell notes.

The LEAF program covers various topics including: changing eating habits instead of going on crazy diets; reading food labels; cooking quick, easy and nutritious meals; planning a menu and gaining more time; becoming more active; and staying motivated with a healthy lifestyle.

Wanted ... Drivers..

Rural Victim Transportation Network Recruiting New Volunteer Drivers

The Rural Victims Transportation Network (RVTN), Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes and Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society are partnering to recruit new Volunteer Drivers. This recruitment will offer intense training in a 3-day workshop with guest speakers from many community agencies providing them with invaluable skills necessary for these positions. Volunteers donate their time but are re-imbursed a per kilometer rate for use of their personal vehicle to transport clients. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and help others in your community.

RVTN is an initiative of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee (KLHDVCC) consisting of local agencies from the justice, health and social service sectors. It provides members of our community who have experienced Elder Abuse, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, transportation to medical, counseling and judicial appointments and help in searching for housing.

Community Care is a non-profit community support agency that provides high quality support services such as transportation that promote the ability of seniors and special needs clients to remain as independent as possible in their own communities throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society is dedicated to working with the community to protect children at risk through ongoing monitoring, building family capacity and parenting skills; and finding caring families for children who under the care of the Society.

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During May, the Health Unit is encouraging local residents to mark SummerActive by lacing up their shoes and getting physically active. SummerActive runs from May 8 to June 20. Anyone who is active during this time can register their participation at www.summeractive.ca for a chance to win great prizes.

Watch for more details about local SummerActive events in the near future.



Cottage Dreams offers recent cancer survivors the opportunity to spend a week at a donated, private cottage. This is a registered charity and relies solely on private and corporate donations. At the moment we are in need of office furniture, room dividers and computers. If you have any items for donation please call Jane at 705-457-9100.

Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

Burning Birch

Whenever I come to a log of birch in our woodpile, I'm already experiencing a little turning of joy, anticipating the several layers of pleasure I derive from burning birch.

First there is that extravagant bark, thick and layered, or thin and papery, extending over the sides of the split log like curly hair or new spring growth. I know that this is what will catch fire quickly...as will the log itself, dense wood giving fire to maple, oak hemlock and cherry long before some of them are ready. And the perfume of birch - I find it a richer fragrance than the most expensive manufactured perfume, for which my nose has no appreciation whatsoever. But if someone could bottle burning birch smoke, I would probably wear it.

Living in the forests of the Algonquin Highlands allows me to know northern trees in a way I never would have otherwise. When I walk aimlessly in the woods with mindless attention - a practice I do far less often than would benefit my soul - I can now identify many varieties - white pine, red pine, hemlock, black spruce, white spruce, tamarack, balsam poplar, balsam fir, maple, northern red oak, black cherry, beech - and a few less common varieties - but it is birch that my eyes are drawn to, again and again. Yes, there is the beauty of it, but there is also something else, something more symbolic about birch that strikes a resonant chord deep inside me.

Birches shed their skins. Year after year, more noticeably around March or April, large sheets of birch bark imperceptibly leave the safety of the solid trunk of its stable tree. If you watch one tree every day for awhile, you will that this happens almost overnight in the warming of the March sun. Like human beings at the end of a long winter, it seems that the birch is saying "what a relief to get all these heavy clothes off!" and drops its bark to the ground.

Birches remind me of the many skins I have shed over the course of sixty years, and they are many. What's more, there are probably a few more to go before the final shedding of this body, the skin that life chose this time round. Birches confront me with this inescapable truth, one I turned away from for years and years. Now, as I grow closer to birch, as I honor its shedding and benefit from its particular warmth and scent and fire capacities, it has become yet another teacher. (In a similar way, I have become a friend of snakes, but that's a story for another day.)

In one of the healing stories about Jesus, he asks a blind man whose sight was just restored "what do you see?" The man replied, "I see people, but they are like trees walking." His restored vision might not have been so far off: I might have been a birch in another life, and faint echoes of birch-being continue to guide me through my human one. Birch shedding and birch burning seem little different from the stages and shedding of human life.

And what could be better than leaving behind a wafty, welcome, familiar scent as it/we pass from one state of being to another?

try this: Find a birch tree and spend time with it. Allow it to tell you something.



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Low Vision Clinics

CNIB (a United Way Member Agency) will hold a CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinic, Tuesday April 22nd at Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club, 55 Main St, Bobcaygeon, from 10 am - 1 pm; and on Monday May 12th, 2008 at Queen St United Church, 35 Lindsay St N, Lindsay, from 10 am - 1 pm

There will also be one on Tuesday June 10th at Royal Canadian Legion, 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, from 10 am - 1 pm

CNIB staff will be present to provide vision health information, and to discuss available services and support for living with vision loss. Please join us and view a selection of innovative consumer product samples.

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It's a new business in town and it's called Simply Different. Lori Garven and Chris Kowalski are the proud new owners of the store located on Highland St. (in the old location of C.C. Enterprises).

Both Lorie and Chris have been close friends for the past 20 years. They first met each other when spending their summers in the Highlands at their cottages on Lake Kashagawigamog. Lorie is an interior decorator and Chris works in graphic design.

"We both really like accessorizing homes and we've been doing it with each others homes. We just decided that since we're up here all summer long we should get involved in the community," said Garvon. "We looked around at lots of the other businesses and we've got something a little different to offer."

Simply Different will be open year-round and since both owners live at their cottages in the summer, both will be looking after the daily

"Simply Different"

How to Decorate with Lori and Chris

By Mark Arike



operations of the store. Once the fall and winter months arrive, they will take turns in coming up and managing the business. Lorie's home away from the cottage is in Becton; while Chris's permanent residence is in Alliston.

The pair says that they first started thinking and talking about launching their own business a year ago.

"We started going to a few warehouses," says Kowalski of when they first started brainstorming ideas.

"Well with me being an interior decorator and going to wholesalers to buy accessories, it just kind of evolved and we said, 'This is all stuff that people would really like to have in



their homes," added Garven.

Whether you have a home, cottage or apartment, Lori and Chris both agree that you will find what it is you're looking for to accessorize that special space. In addition to offering various knick knacks for sale, customers will have access to other services from the store.

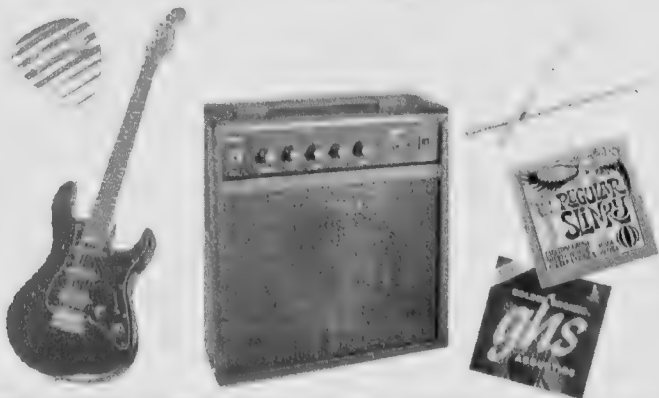
"We'll be offering home staging and redesigning," says Garvon. Kowalski adds that they will come into your residence if you need help in deciding where to put some of "that stuff" of yours.

So how much will the average product cost you at Simply Different? Lorie says that you can walk in and walk out spending between \$30 and \$50 on the average item. And at last count Lorie says there are 320 different items in stock.

The store will be open for business on Saturday, May 3, with their grand opening taking place on the May long weekend from the 17th - 18th. You can reach Lori or Chris after May 1st by phone at (705) 457-4600 for more information.

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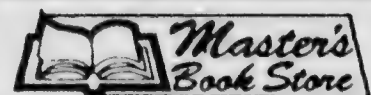
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Pine Ridge Estates Update: Progress On New Homes In Minden After Tough Winter

In October of 2007 we wrote of the fabulous new housing development project off of Deep Bay Rd. in Minden. At that time the shovels were breaking new ground for Phase One of what will eventually see a total of 75 new houses built in two phases. Though it was a tremendously tough winter and crews were constantly kept busy installing the in-ground services and building the model homes. They were pushing forward to the Grand Opening, which will take place late spring of 2008. At that time people will be able to view fully furnished model homes and Décor Centre.

The Homes at Pine Ridge Estates

As a reminder, here are some of the salient facts about the project. Pine Ridge Estates, is the largest-ever housing development in the County of Haliburton, township of Minden hills located along Deep Bay Rd, at Highland Gate Boulevard, just a 5 minute walk from downtown Minden, and a minute or two from the Hospital, and the public school.

It will be a mixed lifestyle sub-division with homes for retirees, baby boomers and young families. The sub-division will encompass around 60 acres of a beautiful stretch of land, with a backdrop of leafy maple hills on the one side, and the Gull River on the other. Lots on average will have 75 feet of frontage, and will be approximately 150 feet deep. Buyers can choose from 12 different bungalow styles. They will range from 1300 square feet to 1855 square feet with two and three bedroom models. There will also be 6 styles of 2-story homes from which to choose, with a size in the approximately 2000-3000 square foot range introduced in Phase II. All homes will feature two-car, attached garages, and full basements." All featured homes will have standard 9 foot ceilings on the main floor, and there will be 8 foot ceilings on the second floor of the 2-story homes.

All the homes have been designed with main-floor living in mind.



Walkouts create extra space for rec' rooms and guest rooms options in the basement. Certain styles will have cathedral ceilings, and optional enclosed porches.

Customers can purchase a home made to the Energy Star standards, if they wish. This is a world wide organization that sets standards for energy efficient buildings. All the homes are geared towards low maintenance exterior construction which will feature vinyl windows and siding, with some brick, wood and stone. For a limited time, **Pre Construction prices start at \$249,900.**

Pine Ridge Estates will be a 100% fully treated sub-division on a Township Road system, complete with water, sanitary, cable tv and high speed internet. All Services will be underground with decorative street lighting.

"The Homes of Pine Ridge Estates"

Named after the many lakes in the Haliburton Highlands, the homes of Pine Ridge share the heritage of this proud region.

The Soyers

1,372 sq. ft. Soyers Lake was named after early visitors who chose the pristine lake for its abundant wildlife and calming shores. This model exemplifies the striking land and waterscapes that make the Highlands so special.

The Maple

The Maple is 1,549 sq. ft. It's named after Maple Lake, once called Ninatigo by Ojibwa First Nations who traveled the waters in seasonal

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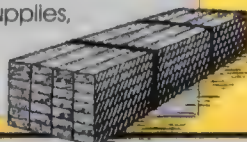
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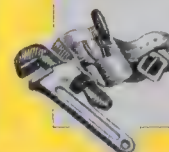


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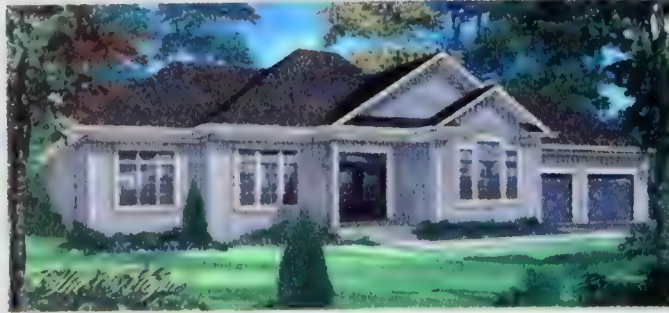
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Model Homes Nearing Completion

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hunting parties. This model symbolizes the sense of family and unity felt by early travelers in shelter of Maple Lake's leafy shores.



The Horseshoe

The Horseshoe

The Horseshoe is 1,622 sq. ft. A small community called Elsie once hugged the shores of Horseshoe Lake, its very existence representing kinship to nearby settlers. The design embodies the sense of kinship found throughout the many wonderful communities of the Highlands.

The Boshkung

This home is 1,855 sq. ft. Originally meaning "place of grassy narrows," the spectacular shores



The Boshkung

of Boshkung were first chosen by a settler in 1857. The character of this splendid lake, along with the spirit of that first settler, are embodied in this model.

The Maple and The Boshkung are the first two model homes that will be on display, late spring of 2008. That's a brief summation of the estate, the lots, and the houses to be built. But what about the people who built Pine Ridge Estates?

The Team

I talked to partners Claudio Bortolussi and Gino Capozzoli, of BORCAP Developments Ltd. the de-

velopers of the project. They state that they have completed all water and sanitary services throughout the entire sub-division and will be shortly commencing the roads and ditches. Highland Park Homes, an approved TARIION licensed Builder of Pine Ridge Estates, is also owned by Claudio and Gino. Included on their team is Gustavo Rojas, a partner and the on site foreman. Bill Kulas of Remax Haliburton Highlands, the exclusive agent for the estate, was also present at the interview.

Model Homes Nearing Completion

"People want to walk the property and see the display models. They want to see the interior finishing, like cupboards and kitchen cabinets. They want to see samples and selections and potential upgrades like hardwood flooring, fireplaces and granite counter top options, says Bill Kulas." People will be getting their chance to see the model homes in late spring. "Providing we don't get another dumping of snow," Claudio says, laughing.

Already 40-50 people have registered for Pine Ridge Estates and have expressed interest. Lots and homes have already been reserved for Phase One Construction, so things are moving quickly. If you're thinking of moving closer to all the amenities, while still living in the country, Pine Ridge Estates might be just what you're looking for. People can call to register, and reserve their dream lot and home by calling (705) 286-3646 or Bill Kulas at Remax Haliburton Highlands Realty brokerage, at 286-2911 ext 44, or register online at HighlandParkHomes.ca

Pictured: shots of team at location; blueprints of model homes



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Annual Charity Yard Sale for Cystic Fibrosis

One persons junk is always another person's treasure. It's always been that way! That's one reason the Minden Kin Club holds an annual Charity yard sale for Cystic Fibrosis. This year it's back, and better than ever, on May 17th and 18th, at 26 Prince St in Minden If you have any articles that are just collecting dust but would be a great for someone else, the donation of that item to the yard sale would be appreciated and would also help The Kin Club raise funds for CF. Other vendors are welcome to join in for a small donation. For info on drop off locations and times, or being a vendor at the event, call Karin at 286-1171.

Gooderham 2nd Annual Plant and Treasures Sale

The Gooderham Beautification Committee is having a plant and treasure sale once again. The event is happening on May 17th from 10am to 3pm. This sale benefits the town of Gooderham to beautify the town centre. There will be many vendors set up in the centre of town near the post office. If you would like a space contact Sharon Stoughton-Craig at 705-447-3300 or come join us in the event. The fire department is also having a barbecue at the same time. Come for lunch and enjoy a wonderful day of shopping in beautiful Gooderham.

Info Session on Uranium Mining

On Saturday, May 10 Environment Haliburton! is hosting an information session on Uranium mining in Haliburton County. The session is to be held in the Great Hall of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, from 12:00 until 4:00.

Presentations by speakers will be followed by an open discussion and question and answer period. Speakers will include John Kittle (overview of uranium issues and opposition in eastern Ontario); lawyer Michael Swinwood (possible class action lawsuit); Linda Harvey, retired MD, (health issues); John Hudson (effects on First Nations); Marilyn Crawford (the Mining Act and its "free entry" system); Valerie Hunnius (the Paudash Lake experience, environmental impacts and clean up); and Robin Simpson / Christine Atrill (FUME) (the situation in Highlands East). This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered and to share your opinions on this important issue. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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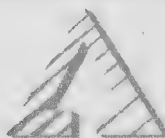
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Answers

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4. George Lucas
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Many people represent themselves in the small claims court without a lawyer. They are described by the court as "self-represented" and they come to court seeking compensation ("damages") for some wrongdoing. The wrongdoing could be the result of a negligent act or a breach of contract. The damages they seek are their direct losses, such as personal injury as a result of an accident, or the cost of hiring another tradesman because the tradesman they contracted with walked off the job with the deposit in hand.

Often, the self-represented litigant will also ask the court for damages for their lost time and their frustration or anger caused by the wrongdoing. While these damages are not a direct result of the wrongdoing, a court may compensate a litigant for such damages if the litigant can show the court that the damages are not too remote from the wrongdoing. The basic principle of damages is that the plaintiff is entitled to be put, so far as money can do it, in the position that the plaintiff would have occupied if the wrong had not been done.

The damages claimed for lost time and frustration or anger are often called damages for inconvenience. One example is in the purchase of a car. You buy a car thinking that it is a demo when it is really a used car. In the first year of your ownership, you have to bring the car in for repairs almost every month. In such a case, a court may award you compensation for the inconvenience arising from the repeated trips to the repair shop because they arose from the misrepresentation made when you bought the car. Another example is in the construction of a house. The contractor promises you that the house will be completed by a certain date. The house is not fully completed by the promised date but you have to move into it because you sold your previous house based on the completion date. You live in the completed part of the house while construction continues all around you for the next month. A court may compensate you in these circumstances. But remember this is not the United States. In both examples, the court will likely only award you \$1000 or \$2000 as damages for the inconvenience, if that.

In the next column, I will be talking about the impact of defects in neighbourhoods on real estate transactions.

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Word

Perspicuous

\per-spi-kye-wes\adj: a plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation.

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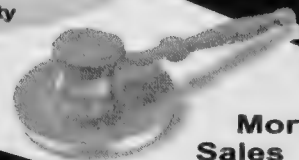
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Ragged Company

Local Group Ragged Company Prepares for Their Big Night

By Mark Arike

It was a mere two years ago that the members of Ragged Company started up their eclectic group. But since taking those first baby steps and going through countless jam sessions, these local artists are really starting to warm up for their much anticipated show on May 18 with the legendary Downchild Blues Band.

"It's gone from mucking about to be being something that everyone is committed to," says Karen Frybort of how Ragged Company has progressed. You might recognize Frybort from McKeck's, which is where she tends to her day job. But whenever she has the time to collaborate with her fellow band-mates, you can be sure to find all of them at her home in Haliburton working on perfecting their sound. They've been doing so for the past two years every Thursday.

"It's a real hospitable home. The only criteria is that you love the music and you want to improve," says Frybort.

The man who first envisioned seeing this new band form in the Highlands at the time was Frybort's husband Mick.

"My husband Mick, along with brass player Hugh Taylor and drummer

Jimmy Stewart were having a drink together and were saying, 'You know what, we should get together. Maybe Kasper would like to join us and maybe we'd get Rod's sister Irene. She's a pretty good singer,'" recalled Karen.

"They then decided to get together on Thursday nights."

To date, the group consists of eight members including: Hugh Taylor (coronet), Jimmy Stewart (drums), Kaspar Brohm (guitar), Robert Van Nood (bass), David Brusegard (guitar), Irene Meritt (vocals/keyboard), Mick Frybort (guitar) and last but not least Karen on vocals.

The members of Ragged Company have been playing songs from some of their personal favourite play lists like the music of Muddy Waters and Robert Johnson. Also with each person's creative mind, the band has written and produced original material.

"We like to take our own originals and put a today twist on them, but we keep the

blues in them," said Frybort of the group's current approach.

Now that people are really starting to take note of this group of friends, things are starting to take off. One can detect the anticipation in Frybort's voice when asking her about their scheduled large-scale debut at the Pine-stone with Downchild.

"We're a little overwhelmed by it because they're big names. We all own their music. It's the kind of music we love and is really easy for us to enjoy. We'd be thrilled to be attending, never mind performing!"

It was shortly after Alex Bell of Kashaga Moon Productions told them that he was trying to get the Downchild Blues Band up to Haliburton that Karen says he was asking around for an opening act.

"He came over and he listened to us. So we were kind of anxious about that. But you know, we said 'If he doesn't like us, he doesn't like us it doesn't matter, we're going to the show.'" Though they already had an

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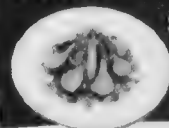
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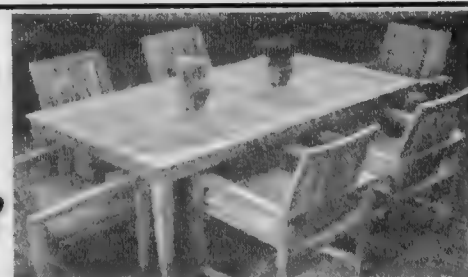
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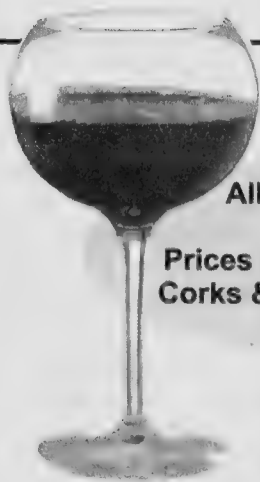
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existing friendship with Bell, Karen says that they weren't looking to have any favours pulled just so they could secure this gig.

"We don't want to get up there and make fools of ourselves and we certainly don't want to embarrass anyone that evening."

Karen admits that just having their name printed alongside Downchild's on a poster is a remarkable feat in itself.

"It's mind-blowing to us. So we're just humble about it and would like to give it our best for that evening," said Frybort. Ragged Company has put on shows in the past at Sir Sam's Ski Hill, McKeck's and some private parties.

Karen spoke highly of how each member of the group has displayed an impeccable amount of dedication towards pushing one another in the right direction; especially when it comes to putting in the hours for practice.

"We've had the winter to play together and even through that long winter everybody showed up Thursday's. She says that a big clock had to be put on the wall just to let everyone know when it's time to stop jamming for the night." They even have a "final chant" song they use to cap off their sessions.

So what is it about the blues that makes it feel so good for Karen and friends?

"You don't play the blues. They play you. They attack your senses and that's really evident when you perform. You do not have to hold anything in," said Frybort.

Right now the group is rehearsing twice weekly in preparation for the May 18th concert. If you're looking to see some talented, emerging local artists, then get your tickets fast. Call the Delta Pinestone Resort toll-free at 1-800-461-0357 for more information.

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Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations can be made by contacting Amy or Ann of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing at 705-286-1777; 1-800-461-7677 or by email to abrohm@county.haliburton.on.ca.

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Wilberforce Singer Releasing CD

By Terrance Gavan

Jeremy Huffman couldn't have known, back when he first tiptoed onto the stage at the Wilberforce Legion on Karaoke Night about two years ago, that he would be walkin' down a country road.

"The Wilberforce Legion had a Karaoke Night on the first Saturday of the month," says Huffman. "I had a little liquid courage and got up on the stage, and I surprised myself."

He sang a country song. Got a nice reaction and sang some more. And something clicked, says Huffman.

"I sang, *I Love This Bar* by Toby Keith, and I can't remember most of that first time up there," says Huffman. However, he can remember how he felt after hearing the applause.

"I really liked it," chuckles Huffman.

He smiles at the recollection. Because, country and western has not always been his music genre of choice.

As a kid growing up in Wilberforce he was probably more tuned to Kurt Cobain than the chaps, boot and hat styling of Willie Nelson.

"When I was 11 or 12, I remember playing grunge in the basement of my friend's parents, Brett and Joanne (Irvine)," says Huffman. "Sean (The Irvine's son and County Voice staffer) and I would jam for hours in the basement."

Grunge gave way to rock n' roll and metal. Country was something that Huffman didn't consider until about four years ago, when a job opportunity took him to Port Hope.

His carpool included a ride into work with a guy who just happened to like country and western. "I started listening to country and then I actually came to like it," smiles Huffman. "A lot of the people I hung out with also listened to country and western."

Huffman says that the rides into work spawned a new appreciation for the modern 'C and W' format. "I liked the words and when I got to know some of the songs I liked that they were easy to sing and the lyrics told a story."

And while he will admit that he still isn't a big fan of the old-fashioned country standards, he does have an appreciation for the new practitioners who are taking country to the next level. Bands like Rascal Flatts and guys like Toby Keith.

"I found myself singing country songs at work," says Huffman, who added that he'd have to crank up his vocals to compete with the buzzing saws on the floor of the plant where he works.

And that led to more nights out singing Karaoke at the Wilberforce Legion whenever he came back home for weekend visits. The affection he developed for karaoke in Wilberforce was carried over to weekly gigs at several bars in Port Hope.

One night after a performance at the Wilberforce Legion he ran into an old friend Mike Stickwood. "I've known him (Stickwood) most of my life and when I came off the stage he just looked at me and said, 'man, where did that come from?' and he was actually quite surprised, because he had never heard me sing," says Huffman.

"We sat down at the end of the night and he asked me if I would like to meet a producer that he knew in Toronto," says Huffman.

And that's how Huffman met Mike Hansen, a record producer and former drummer for Newmarket rock band *Glass Tiger*. Hansen had never produced a country album, but he was interested in producing a vehicle for the genre. And he had also written a country and western song that he had been shopping around to various artists in the US and Canada.

That was last April. Now a year later, Huffman and Hansen have finally



Jeremy Huffman's Karaoke Night a Labor of Love

finished the final mix on Huffman's CD called *Karaoke Night*.

There are five songs on the CD and Hansen, edited, mixed and played on all five tracks.

His original song *Me, Myself and I* led to three other Hansen songs, which were written specifically for Huffman.

"He wrote all of the songs except for *Karaoke Night*," says Huffman. "My mom wrote that song for me. I don't know how she does it, but she can write a song in her sleep," chuckles Huffman. His mother Lynn and father Rick have been very supportive throughout the process says Huffman. Lynn works as a nurse and his dad works for the Wilberforce Municipality.

The three other songs on the album, *Big Cr.*, *She Grew Up* and *Good as Gone* were all written

by Hansen specifically for Huffman.

Huffman says that the actual production, including trips back and forth from Port Hope to Newmarket's Abbymax Sound Studios, took just over a year. "We were mixing it for a year and that was a grueling time," says Huffman, who gave up a lot of weekends traveling back and forth from Port Hope to Newmarket. "Sometimes we'd spend 12 hours in the studio," says Huffman. "The next weekend we'd be back in the studio and go over the same song again... we'd do that for every song on the CD. We wanted to make sure that every song was just right."

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Local Youth's C.D. Making It's Debut

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Huffman explains that *Karaoke Night* was a work of love from beginning to end.

"Hansen was very patient and he gave me a lot of his time," says Huffman, adding, "I didn't think recording it would take this long, but I learned a lot about the process."

The initial run consists of 1000 CDs and with the help of his parents, the discs are being released to stores in this area on Friday May 2nd (tomorrow).

Huffman says that the records will be available at Jug City and V and S Steadman stores in Bancroft, Minden and Haliburton. The five-song package sells for \$9.99.

They will also be available very shortly on his web page, which is currently still in development. The web page will be published in conjunction with Silverbirch Productions, a Toronto-area production company offering high quality recording, mastering and replication/duplication and other services essential to the independent music sector.

The album cover was shot by local photographer Tim Toffelmire and Huffman says that he is also hoping to get some play on local radio here in Haliburton.

He says that he will continue to sing Karaoke and will be keeping his day job in Port Hope.

He will be submitting his name to the Havelock Jamboree in the hope of lining up one of the 20 vacant spots available at an annual amateur competition that the popular festival organizes and hosts each year in conjunction with its very popular summer jamboree.

Meanwhile, Huffman says that he turned in his old electric guitar for an acoustic and he says that will be looking around for some like-minded people who might be interested in forming a country and western or crossover band.

But that's in the future. For now he's a very happy young man.

"This took a little longer than I thought," he says pointing to the CD. However, he says that he's learned a lot in the process. "Any money we make in sales will be going toward my next CD," says Huffman.

And if all roads don't lead to Nashville?

"It would be nice to take this further, but if that doesn't happen that won't bother me," says Huffman.

"I don't think I'll ever stop doing Karaoke," laughs Huffman.

In fact just last week he added another song to his Karaoke repertoire.

He had the lead vocals on *Me, Myself and I* removed from his song by a studio and he gave the instrumental cut to the Karaoke DJ last Thursday night in Port Hope.

"And I sang my own song at Karaoke Night," chuckles Huffman.

It's easy to see that Huffman has found a niche.

And maybe that's a secret as simple as a Toby Keith lyric. You know, the one that Huffman first used to conquer his Karaoke jitters.

"It's my kind of place... No cover charge, come as you are... Hmm, hmm, hmm I love this bar."

Proving, in the nonce, that a year, and some inspiration, can make quite a difference in a young man's life.

Jeremy Huffman's CD *Karaoke Night* will be on sale in Wilberforce at Agnew's General Store & The Esso Station, in Highland Grove at the General Store; and Jug City and Stedman's in Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft. The C.D. goes on sale as of May 2.

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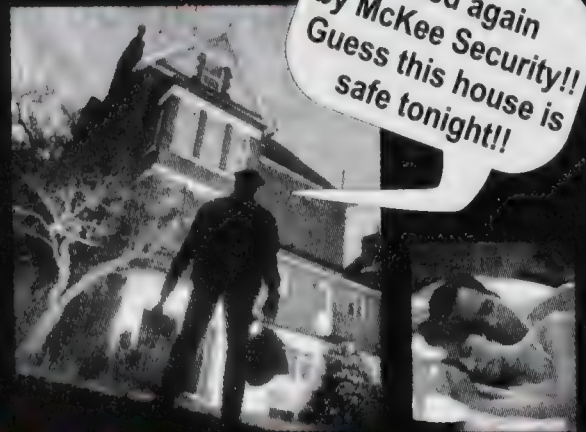
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Sissy's Love Connection – A Fundraiser with Heart

by Tyson Farrell

Volunteers are amongst the most important citizens of the Haliburton Highlands. They donate their time to worthy causes, and help make our community a great place to live. Of the hundreds of volunteers within the highlands, there are few as well known as Janice Crawford.

Most people know Janice from her hair dressing business, which has operated in Haliburton and Ingoldsby for more than twenty-five years. Over the years she befriended many of her clients, always willing to listen to their stories.

After spending her days on her feet cutting hair, Janice spent many of her evenings working with Big Sisters. As a Big Sister she provided companionship and guidance for young girls in need. Janice also volunteered with Victims in Crisis (VICARS). Within this organization, Janice was called to many traffic accidents and other emergencies during the dead of night. As a trained volunteer, Janice helped those in crisis, calming them, reassuring them, and listening to their woes. When Janice was not working with Big Sisters, VICARS, or cutting hair, she was volunteering at the Haliburton Catholic Church. In this manner, Janice earned a reputation as a selfless woman and superb volunteer.

Regrettably, Janice was diagnosed with liver cancer over a year ago. Throughout her chemo treatment, Janice has bravely confronted her illness. "She has been incredibly courageous and positive," says Janice's close friend Shannon Harrison.

In an attempt to find light in a dark situation, Janice's sister Lynne Wawam-Brady has organized a fundraiser. Titled "Sissy's Love Connection," the event will be Janice's legacy, and will raise funds for Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth, and Parents. It seems appropriate that proceeds are directed towards a cause so close to Janice's heart.

The fundraiser promises to be unlike any seen before in the Highlands. Held in the Great Hall of Fleming College on Saturday May 3rd, from 1pm to 4pm, the fundraiser will offer a wide range of prizes, draws, and items for sale. The event was originally intended to be a silent auction, but so many items have been donated that a live auction needed to be added. "We're auctioning a very long list of items," spoke Shannon Harrison. "Meals for the Bonnie View Inn, the Wilde Orchid Bistro, That Place in Camarvon...there is also a one night stay at Stouffer Mills Bed and Breakfast, studio tour art, stained glass, and pottery, and gift certificates for haircuts. There will also be some less common items, such as spa treatments and wine. There's even a gift certificate for a tattoo of

your own design, worth \$150."

Event organizers have been amazed at how generous local businesses and individuals have been with their donations. If anybody would be interested in supporting the Sissy's Love Connection fundraiser, material donations and checks are still being accepted. Organizers believe one of the best ways to support the fundraiser is to come out on May 3rd and support the event. "Janice plans to attend the event, and it would be great if people dropped by, if only to come see her," spoke Harrison.

It appears as though the Sissy's Love Connection fundraiser will be a great event, with many desirable items for sale. More importantly, it is an event with a great cause, dedicated to a lady who has dedicated her life to making the Haliburton Highlands a better place to live. If you would like to learn more about Sissy's Love Connection, you can reach Shannon Harrison at 286-1940.



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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Nova Scotian never really had a chance when he went to trial for murder

Everett Farmer was in the wrong place at the wrong time.
The place was Shelburne, Nova Scotia. The time was 1937.

It didn't help Everett that he was black and poor. The area was still reeling from the worst depression the world has ever known. The blacks of Shelburne were hit hard, as are most minorities during bad times.

Everett was born in Shelburne in 1902. He received only a cursory education before marrying and raising eight children. Everett was no saint. He liked to dip into the sauce and often had a batch of home brew stashed away in his house.

When into his cups, he could be violent. In 1932, he received a suspended sentence for striking his wife Maggie. Five years later, he received another suspended sentence for beating Archibald, his 14-year-old son.

Although only 4 ft. 6 in., Everett had an athletic build and was the catcher for the town's senior baseball team, the Shelburne Loyalists.

He made his living as a labourer.

The last man to hang

Everett's half brother, Zachariah Farmer, was a big man, standing well over six ft. and weighing 225 lbs.

He had served in the Canadian Army during the First World War. He and his cousin Arthur were sharing a rooming house in Liverpool when cousin Arthur bit the dust.

Zach said it was an accident, that Arthur was playing with his revolver.

Zach had warned him not to mess around with a loaded gun, but the warning had come too late. The weapon discharged and cousin Arthur lay dead on the floor, shot through the head. A coroner's jury ruled Arthur had accidentally shot himself.

Despite the jury's ruling, police continued to investigate the death. For four weeks, they periodically called on Zach, attempting to get the truth out of him. Finally, Zach went as far as to say, "I was fooling with the revolver, she went off and Arthur fell. I was so frightened, I didn't know what to do."

Now that Zach had told two different stories about his cousin's death, no one believed either one. He was arrested and charged with Arthur's murder.

On June 11, 1919, Zach was acquitted, mainly because there were no witnesses or evidence to repudiate his version of the killing.

For years after his trial, Zach continued to get into minor scrapes, most of them alcohol related.

In 1932, he spent three months in jail in lieu of paying a \$100 fine for possession of home brew. That same year, he was sentenced to eight months for bootlegging.

On the other side of the coin, Zach was a good worker.

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He had a reputation as an honest individual who never welshed on a loan. When he had a few drinks ... well, that was another matter.

On Aug. 1, 1937, Zach dropped over to his half brother Everett's home to have a few drinks. It was kind of a ritual. Zach visited most Sundays. Other neighbours strolled over as well.

The home brew was passed around. Everyone got a little tipsy. As evening approached, one by one the neighbours went home, leaving Everett and Zach to chew the fat. Maggie was lying on a couch nearby. The Farmer children were put to bed. The two men continued to drink.

In time, they started to argue. Almost any topic became crucial in the minds of the brothers. Maggie tried to interfere, but the men wouldn't listen. Finally, Zach called Everett a liar. He also threw out insinuations about Maggie's fidelity. That was too much for Everett. He ordered Zach out of his home.

Zach simply refused to budge. Everett swore at his half brother and threatened to call the law. In Shelburne, that meant the RCMP detachment manned by two officers and the one-man local police force, Chief Raymond Mitchell. Zach retaliated. He jumped up and told Everett, "You are never going to take the law on me because I'm going to kill you. I will kill you before morning."

Everett responded, "My life is as sweet as yours. If you're going to kill me, I'll shoot you first." He dashed out of the kitchen, picked up a 12-gauge shotgun, loaded it and returned to the kitchen. Zach threatened again, "I will kill you before I leave here."

"You are never going to kill me," Everett screamed, and fired. A ball cartridge tore through Zach's neck, killing him instantly.

From the moment he fired the shotgun, Everett Farmer acted with cool dispatch. At no time did he appear intoxicated. He told his family he had shot Zach and that he was going to give himself up to police. He then trudged the mile to Shelburne and woke up Mitchell at 12:25 a.m.

Everett's first words to the sleepy police officer were, "I came to town to give myself up. I shot a man."

Everett went on to tell the policeman the details of the shooting. It was a story he was to repeat many times. Mitchell dressed and drove Everett to the home of RCMP Corp. Joe Hetherington.

The story of the shooting was related to the officer.

Everett elaborated, "I had to do it. Zach threatened to kill me. I ordered him out of the house. He refused to go. I shot him to protect my wife and family."

The officers picked up Coroner L.O. Fuller and drove out to Everett's home. Zach was reposing on a kitchen chair, very dead. He would have looked as if he was sleeping if it hadn't been for the hole in his neck. Everett turned over his shotgun to police.

News of the shooting spread like wildfire. Normally, it was a big night in Shelburne if a sign was torn down or a drunk fell through a window. This was murder, the town's first since the turn of the century.

The day following the shooting, a coroner's jury was convened.

Eight days later, a preliminary hearing was held. Everett said he had to kill or be killed. Despite his plea, he was held over to stand trial for murder.

What was a poor member of a minority to do to defend himself? Everett had no money to hire an experienced criminal lawyer. There was no government-funded legal-aid system in Nova Scotia. The government did appoint a lawyer who acted without compensation. Everett received the

services of former MP Vincent Pottier.

On Sept. 28, 1937, Shelburne's first murder trial of the 20th century began amidst a festive holiday spirit. Extra RCMP officers were brought in to control the crowds, all intent on seeing the action inside the courthouse.

Not that much new was brought out at the trial. The police officers, although testifying for the prosecution, related how Everett had co-operated with them and had answered all questions directly and with candor. He had re-enacted the crime to assist them with their investigation. They also pointed out the dead man had been involved in the shooting death of his cousin 18 years earlier.

Pottier insisted on an acquittal, or at least a verdict of manslaughter. Surely the defendant had the right to defend himself.

The jury deliberated an hour and 55 minutes before finding Everett guilty of murder. There was no recommendation of mercy. When asked if he had anything to say, Everett replied with one word, "None."

The judge then sentenced him to death by hanging. No appeal was launched. No letters or pleas were received by politicians.

In the normal course of events, the case was reviewed by Justice Minister Ernest Lapointe. He advised cabinet that "the law be allowed to take its course."

On Dec. 14, 1937, Everett was hanged.

He was the last person to be executed in Nova Scotia.

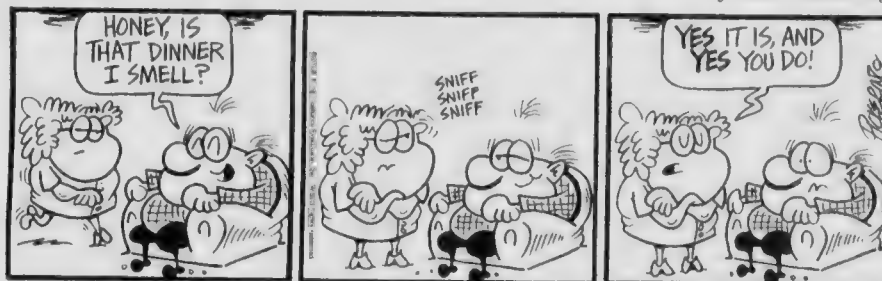
Photo: Everett Farmer was hanged in 1937. He was the last person executed in Nova Scotia.

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Female..... Any part under a car's hood.

Male..... The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

2. VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.

Female.... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

Male.... Playing football without a cup.

3. COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n

Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

Male... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.

4. COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.

Female.... A desire to get married and raise a family.!

Male..... Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.

5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

Female.... A good movie, concert, play or book.

Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

6. FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.

Female.... An embarrassing by product of indigestion.

Male..... A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

Well although not happening in Kinmount, our very own Dr. Elena Mihi and sister Nellie Gluck, of Kinmount and District Health Centre will soon fly to China to take part in the 42.2 km. **Joints in Motion** marathon taking place May 18. The sisters will walk a portion of the Great Wall as a fundraiser for the **Canadian Arthritis Society**. Through long-term dedication, both have nearly reached their fundraising goals and welcome additional donations to help put them over the top. To contribute send a cheque made payable to the Canadian Arthritis Society, to Kinmount & District Health Centre, 31 County Road 503, Kinmount, K0M 2A0 or sponsor the sisters on line at: www.arthritis.ca/joints/ontario/corneliagluck or www.arthritis.ca/joints/ontario/elenamihi

Keep in mind the 1st annual **Kinmount Kountry Jamboree** takes place **June 26-29 at Kinmount Fairgrounds**. Featuring some of Canada's best country entertainers the 4 day weekend extravaganza promises to be filled with fun and entertainment. Up to 750 campsites for trailers are available. Book now to reserve your spot. For more information/ tickets, contact Kinmount Fairgrounds by email: kkj@kinmountfair.net or call Ed/Marsh Dudman at 705-488-2540 or Greg Barrington at 705-454-1459. **Ticket prices:** Weekend Pass with camping \$55.00/ person, Weekend Pass \$30.00/Day Pass \$12.00/ Children under 12 free. Cheques made payable to "Kinmount Agricultural Society" may be mailed to Kinmount Kountry Jamboree/Kinmount Agricultural Society, c/o Goldie Dudman, 2809 CR 121, RR#2, Burnt River, On, K0M 1C0.

The 1st **Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders** is now selling chocolate & vanilla **Girl Guide cookies** at a cost of \$4.00 per box. To support the girls and enjoy delicious cookies please call me at 488-2919.

May 3 - Kinmount Annual **Pitch-In Day**. C'mon out and give Kinmount a spring facelift. The community is invited to meet at Kinmount Railway Station at 9:00 a.m. to choose a route, get supplies and tidy up around town. Refreshments served on completion.

May 3 & 4 - Welcome to our home and **Spring Open House**, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at **Pottery in the Forest**, located 2 km off Crystal Lake Road, south of Kinmount. Enjoy a fine display of handmade functional stoneware along with delicious snacks. This is a great opportunity to select that perfect Mother's Day gift. Call Bernie Nicholson at 488-2400 for more information.

May 3 - The **Royal Canadian Legion Honours and Awards Dinner**. Cost \$10 per person. Music/entertainment following the awards.

May 4 - The **Royal Canadian Legion Annual Nominations and Elections** of officers at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your Legion membership card.

May 17 - The **Friends of the Library** are in business again with their next **Book Sale** taking place 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library. Who knows what treasure is yours to discover? Something new is a

Book Drop Bin located outside the door. Good used books (no magazines, Readers Digests, encyclopedias or text books please) may be dropped off at any time.

May 17 - **Kinmount United Church annual Hot and Cold Buffet** at Kinmount Community Centre, serving from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door. For further information call 488-2129 or 4882014

May 24 - The **Royal Canadian Legion Annual Dinner and Tooney Auction**. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a tooney auction with lots of great items. Call 488-3462 for more info.

May 31 - 1st Annual **Yard Sale for the Cure** hosted by **Re/Max County Town Realty**, 4980 Monck Road. Get involved in this most worthy cause to support breast cancer research by volunteering, shopping or being a vendor. Space is available for a minimum donation of 20% of profits earned. Contact Dianne Spring at 488-3000.

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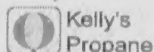
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You're almost certainly familiar with duct tape, that ubiquitous silver adhesive that comes in giant rolls and sometimes seems capable of fixing anything. It was originally developed as a waterproof sealing tape for ammunition cases in World War II, but was later used to seal heating and air conditioning ducts -- whence its name. Ironically, experts now say that while duct tape has many uses, it doesn't actually work very well to seal ducts.

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Thought for the Day: "The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits." -- Albert Einstein



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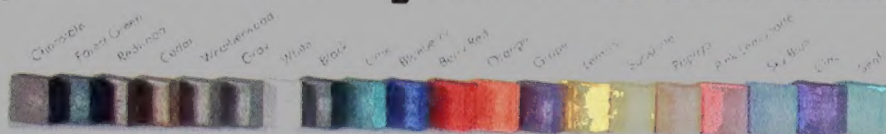
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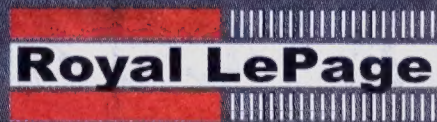
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